

## WESTWARD LEANING

CHASING WAVES AND SONGS WITH SWITCHFOOT

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*Photo by Chris Burkard*

Grammy-award winning band Switchfoot has been entertaining fans with its memorable melodies and thought-provoking lyrics since 1996.

Now, alt rockers Jon and Tim Foreman, along with Chad Butler, Jerome Fontamillas and Drew Shirley are captivating followers on the big screen with their feature film debut *Fading West*, which shares the same title as their upcoming studio album due January 2014. A cross between *Endless Summer* and *Rattle & Hum*, *Fading West* follows the San Diego natives as they travel the globe in search of perfect waves and musical inspiration.

Directed by Matt Katsolis during the band's 2012 World Tour, the film documents the boys hitting the waves from Australia to South Africa. While navigating their favorite surf spots, the band members meet up with lifelong surf hero and three-time World Champion Tom Curren in New Zealand, and join Rob Machado in Bali.

"We found ourselves surrounded by the mesmerizing culture, exotic instruments and the wide horizon of the Indian Ocean in Bali where the song 'Saltwater Heart' came together one afternoon," said Butler of the trip's impact on their music.

Perfectly showcasing the band's passion for music and surfing, the movie not only captures the frenetic energy of Switchfoot's live shows, but also provides personal insight into a journey that is, at times, both intimate and unforgettable.

Fading West comes out on iTunes Dec 10, and the studio album of the same name is due out on Atlantic Records January 14. You can follow Switchfoot on [Twitter](#) or at [switchfoot.com](#).

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